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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REVEGETATION AND MITIGATION PROJECT FOR THOMPSON CREEK DAM
AWARD AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a consultant services agreement with P&D Environmental, 401 West "A" Street, Suite 2500, San Diego, California 92101, to provide design, revegetation, and biological monitoring services for Thompson Creek Dam for a not to exceed fee of \$275,000 to be financed by the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District Fund and establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award a consultant services agreement and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute an agreement with P&D to perform design, revegetation, and biological monitoring services and establish the effective date following your Board's approval. Performing these services in accordance with the Biological Resources Permit Mitigation and Revegetation Plan for the recently completed seismic modification project at Thompson Creek Dam meets conditions imposed in permits issued by the California Department of Fish and Game, the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Implementation of Strategic Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Goal of Organizational Effectiveness as these services are not required frequently, and P&D has the expertise, experience, and qualifications to perform the required biological/ecological services. As a result, P&D can provide these services in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Financing for these services is available in the Fiscal Year 2001-02 Flood Control District Fund.

The recommended agreement for this project is for a not to exceed fee of \$275,000. This includes a base fee of \$248,244 associated with the cost of the revegetation and biological monitoring services and \$26,756 for additional services that may be necessary as the work progresses. Additional work within this allowance will not be performed without prior written authorization from the Director of Public Works or his designee.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard consultant services agreement, previously approved as to form by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, P&D is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence participants for future employment.

P&D is in full compliance with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Implementation of this consultant services agreement is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as a Class 4 project as specified in Section 15304 of the State's CEQA Guidelines.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On November 6, 2001, Public Works issued Request for Proposals to 19 firms from Public Works' database of consultants. Four firms responded to the request. An Evaluation Committee consisting of Public Works' engineering staff evaluated the proposals. The evaluation of the firms was based on technical expertise, proposed work plan, experience, personnel qualifications, and understanding of the work requirements. These evaluations were completed without regard to race, creed, color, or gender. Based on the review and evaluation of the proposals, Public Works found P&D as the best qualified firm to perform the required services for the identified project.

Participation by Community Business Enterprises (CBE) in the project is encouraged through Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and the requirement that consultants demonstrate their good faith efforts to utilize CBEs. P&D is aware of Public Works' CBE Outreach Program and their proposed CBE participation is on file with Public Works.

Public Works maintains a database of consultants for biological/ecological services, which is the main source of soliciting proposals. As requested by your Board on February 3, 1998, and to further increase consultant awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, a Request for Qualifications for these services was listed on the County Office of Small Business website.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects during the performance of the recommended consultant services.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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County Counsel
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